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Tammany Hall, corrupt politicians were kept in office as his gang furnished free coal and flour, small bribes, and little jobs in return for votes. It has been estimated that by the fall of 1871 Tweed's ring had made some twenty million dollars for its members. The greatest source of revenue was the construction of the New York City courthouse; this had been planned in 1868 at a cost not to exceed \$250,000, but by 1871 its contractors, controlled by Tammany, had charged the city eight million dollars, and the edifice was still uncompleted.

Private business exhibited the same ethics as government, with the titans of finance now joining forces to mulct the public, now warring among themselves. There was, for example, the feud over the Erie Railroad, with Gould, Drew, and Fisk on one side and Vanderbilt on the other. To profit by their temporary control of the line, this trio printed hundreds of thousands of watered shares, won millions of dollars for themselves, and, quite incidentally, caused a panic that ruined the financial structure of the railroad and the money market in general. In the end Fisk cheerfully declared, "Nothing is lost save honor." It was no wonder that the general public was at one and the same time dazzled by the ostentatious ways of these Robber Barons and heartily sick of the means by which they made money. It was with disgust that Sidney Lanier, poet from the defeated Confederacy, bitterly wrote:

# Zella Pulsipher Burns

MESQUITE, Nevada—Zella Pulsipher Burns died Sun. April 2, 2000, in St. George, Utah.

She was born October 18, 1911, in Mesquite, NV, to John Lewis and Margaret Johnson Pulsipher. She married Mitchel "Mike" Burns on March 5, 1940, in the St. George, Utah LDS Temple. He preceded her in death July 5, 1983.

A lifetime resident of Mesquite, NV, Zella graduated from Virgin Valley High School in 1931 and from Dixie College in 1933. She attended BYU and UCLA. His early career as a school teacher included teaching school at Dry Lake, Nevada, grades one through eight and in Mesquite, NV. An active member of the LDS Church, Zella served as Primary president and in the Relief Society. She enjoyed traveling and visiting her family. A very supportive wife, mother, and grandmother, her life was centered around her family, church, and Mesquite, NV.

Zella is survived by a son, M. Anthony (Joyce) Burns, Miami, FL; a daughter, Andrea Burns (Neil) Buchan, Petaluma, CA; grandchildren, Mitchel Anthony Burns, Jr., Seattle, WA; Jill Kemper, Silver Spring, MD; Shauna Thompson, Salt Lake City, UT; Neil Buch Buchan II, Portland, OR; Scott Buchan, Petaluma, CA; great-grandchildren, Andrea Kemper and Caroline Kemper, Silver Spring, MD; a sister, Hazel White, Mesquite, NV; and a brother, Bill Pulsipher, Salt Lake City, UT.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday April 5, 2000 at the Mesquite LDS Stake Center. Visitations will be held Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to services, both at the Mesquite LDS Stake Center. Interment will follow services in the Mesquite City Cemetery under the direction of the Metcalf Mortuary.

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